

Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations
Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2014

A meeting of the Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations (the JLC) was held on May 21, 2014, at the American Legion Building, 1708 Commonwealth Avenue, Richmond.

Members Present

- Harold Barton, Air Force Association
- Brett Reistad, American Legion
- Donald Kaiserman, Association of the United States Army
- John Prendergast, Marine Corps League
- Stuart Williams, Military Officers Association of America
- Robert Fairchild, Military Order of the Purple Heart
- William Barrett, Military Order of the World Wars
- Thomas Moran, National Association for Uniformed Services
- Matthew Dailey, Non Commissioned Officers Association
- David Coffield, Paralyzed Veterans of America
- Carmen Gentile, Reserve Officers Association
- James Clem, Roanoke Valley Veterans Council
- Thomas Gimble, Veterans of Foreign Wars
- George Corbett, Vietnam Veterans of America
- Robert Huffman, Virginia Army/Air National Guard Enlisted Association
- Shawn Otto, Virginia National Guard Association
- Thad Jones, Chairman, Board of Veterans Services
- Meade Spotts, Vice Chairman, Veterans Services Foundation
- Paul Galanti, Commissioner of Veterans Services

Members Absent

- George Coker, American Ex-POWs
- Richard Mansfield, AMVETS
- Allan McCroskey, Disabled American Veterans
- Abe Zino, Fleet Reserve Association
- John Edwards, Korean War Veterans Association
- Thomas Richards, Legion of Valor of the U.S., Inc.
- Glenn Rodriguez, Navy Seabee Veterans of America
- Marie Juliano, Women Marines Association

Alternates Present (representing their VSO)

- John Sabatini, AMVETS
- David Hawley, Disabled American Veterans

- Jeff Gilmartin, Fleet Reserve Association
- Rich Rinaldo, Legion of Valor of the U.S., Inc.
- Frank Driscoll, Navy Seabee Veterans of America

Alternates Present (not representing their VSO)

- Kelly Niernberger, Reserve Officers Association Alternate

Commonwealth of Virginia Officials Present

- John Newby, Deputy Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs
- Leslie Frazier, Office of the Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs
- Rich Anderson, Virginia House of Delegates
- Bryce Reeves, Senate of Virginia
- Al Pianalto, Office of Delegate Kirk Cox
- Christina Lipin, Department of Motor Vehicles
- Michael Menefee, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
- Cindy Norwood, Office of the Attorney General
- Steven Combs, Department of Veterans Services
- Jon Hatfield, Department of Veterans Services
- Jack Hilgers, Department of Veterans Services
- Brandi Jancaitis, Department of Veterans Services
- Danielle Weaver, Department of Veterans Services
- Cathy Wilson, Department of Veterans Services

Others Present

- Bill Ashton
- LTC Shawn Kerrigan, Deputy Garrison CDR, MTC FT Pickett, VaARNG
- Bill Whitt, Fleet Reserve Association

Items included in the Agenda Packet

Agenda (Agenda Item II)

New Business (Agenda Item VI)

- 2014 General Assembly Session
 - Status of JLC and BVS 2014 Initiatives
 - Bill/resolution summary – 2014 General Assembly session
- JLC initiatives 2005-2014
- Proposed MOAA 2015 Initiatives

Reports (Agenda Item VII)

- Board of Veterans Services Report
- Veterans Services Foundation Report
- Department of Veterans Services Report

Items distributed at the meeting

- Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) “Military Guide” brochure
- Virginia DMV “Virginia Troops to Trucks” brochure

Opening and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Donald Kaiserman called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Vice Chairman Thomas “Chip” Moran led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of VSOs and Quorum Determination

The roll was called, and 21 of the 24 veterans service organizations (VSOs) represented on the Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations (the JLC) were recorded as being represented. A quorum was determined. Mr. Thad Jones, the Chairman of the Board of Veterans Services (BVS), Mr. Meade Spotts, the Vice Chairman of the Veterans Services Foundation (VSF), and Commissioner Paul Galanti of the Department of Veterans Services (DVS) were recorded as present.

Approval of the agenda

Mr. Tom Gimble made a **motion, seconded** by Vice Chairman Moran, to approve the agenda as presented. The **motion** carried **unanimously**. The approved agenda is included as *Attachment 1*.

Introductions of Guests

Chairman Kaiserman asked the guest to introduce themselves. Their names and organizations are recorded above.

Approve March 19, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Meade Spotts made a **motion, seconded** by Vice Chairman Moran, to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2014 JLC meeting as drafted.

Mr. Steven Combs stated that the following changes have been proposed to the draft minutes of March 19, 2014 JLC meeting:

- Page 4, “Virginia Values Veterans (V3) Program” section
 - Add new Paragraph 5: “Mr. Rinaldo asked whether incentives for businesses such as those proposed by Senator Puller in the past would make this great program even better. Mr. Schwartz opined that they would. Mr. Rinaldo also asked about the federal program incentives, and Mr. Schwartz pointed out that the federal Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) was on hiatus.”
- Page 8, “Closing Remarks” section
 - Add new clause to second paragraph: “Mr. Rich Rinaldo stated that he would like the JLC to invite student veterans to participate in JLC discussions and that we might consider student veteran organization representation on the JLC.”

Mr. John Prendergast made a **substitute motion, seconded** by Vice Chairman Moran, to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2014 JLC meeting with the proposed changes. The **motion** was approved **unanimously**.

Opening remarks

Chairman Kaiserman stated that he would reserve his remarks for later in the meeting.

Presentations

Virginia War Memorial Phase 2

Mr. Jon Hatfield, Executive Director of the Virginia War Memorial gave a presentation on the Virginia War Memorial (VWM) Phase 2. He explained that some changes have been made to the original plan for the addition and expansion at the VWM. He stated that the DVS HQ will not be moving to the VWM and the space will instead be used for additional educational and classroom space and that the display area will be expanded to include more artifacts. Mr. Hatfield stressed the importance of the expanded parking area, noting the increased visitation to the Memorial. He touched on current and planned distance-learning opportunities for school children who cannot visit the Memorial in person. Mr. Hatfield said that he expected construction to begin in 2015 and to be completed in 2016.

Virginia Solicitation of Contributions Law

Mr. Combs introduced Mr. Michael Menefee, Program Manager, Office of Charitable and Regulatory Programs (OCRP), Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS). Mr. Menefee gave a presentation on the OCRP and the Virginia Solicitation of Contributions Law. His presentation included: OCRP responsibilities and organizational structure; charitable contributions and state oversight; key definitions; regulations and registration requirements; disclosure requirements; consumer education; and compliance requirements.

Note: Mr. Menefee's presentation is not included in these minutes, but was distributed to the members electronically in PDF format following the meeting. The presentation is available upon request

Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Military/Veterans Programs and Services

Ms. Christina Lipin, Military and Veterans Programs Manager, Department of Motor Vehicles, gave a presentation on the Department of Motor Vehicles' Military/Veterans Programs and Services. Her presentation covered: customer service centers on military bases; DMV 2 Go visits; DMV Connect; the Troops to Trucks program; the Virginia Veterans ID Card; ID assistance for the homeless; 2013-2014 legislation; and new DMV partnership and services. Ms. Lipin noted that over 50,000 Virginia Veterans ID Cards had been issued.

Note: Ms. Lipin's presentation is not included in these minutes, but was distributed to the members electronically in PDF format following the meeting. The presentation is available upon request

New Business

2014 General Assembly session: JLC and BVS initiatives and other veteran/military legislation

Mr. Brett Reistad, JLC Legislative Officer, deferred to Chairman Kaiserman to report on the 2014 General Assembly session. Chairman Kaiserman reviewed the status of the JLC and BVS 2014 Initiatives. The summary is included as Attachment 2.

There was an extensive discussion of House Bill 354 (Delegate Kirk Cox), which would change the JLC's powers and duties, as set forth in the Code of Virginia, to "Advise the Department of Veterans Services *and the General Assembly* regarding (i) methods of providing support for ongoing veterans services and programs, and (ii) addressing veterans issues on an ongoing basis."

After much discussion, Mr. Reistad made a **motion, seconded** by Mr. Stu Williams, that the JLC recommend to Governor McAuliffe that he sign the bill as it originally passed the General Assembly. The motion was approved unanimously. Chairman Kaiserman agreed to send a letter to the Governor on the JLC's behalf.

Chairman Kaiserman called a break at 11:00 a.m. and the meeting back to order at 11:09 a.m.

New Business

Review of previous-year JLC initiatives

Mr. Combs provided an overview of JLC Initiatives from 2005 to 2014.

Note: the spreadsheet summarizing the JLC Initiatives from 2005 to 2014 is not included in these minutes, but was distributed to the members electronically in PDF format following the meeting. The presentation is available upon request

Review and discussion of potential 2015 JLC initiatives

Mr. Williams reviewed the MOAA-proposed JLC initiatives for the 2015 General Assembly. A summary is included as Attachment 3.

Nominating Committee

Mr. Carmen Gentile stated that elections for the JLC Chairman and Vice Chairman will be held at the July 16 meeting. He asked that members who wish to be considered for the Chairman and Vice Chairman positions, or who wish to nominate another member, to contact him so that the nominating committee could consider their candidacy. The candidates will be announced at the July meeting for a vote.

Reports

Board of Veterans Services

Board of Veterans Services (BVS) Chairman Thad Jones delivered the BVS report (see Attachment 4). Mr. Jones noted that the Board is organized into three standing committees: Benefits, Care Centers, and Cemeteries – and that there was an extensive report from each

committee at the May 13, 2014 Board meeting. Mr. Jones thanked Chairman Kaiserman and Vice Chairman Moran for the ongoing working relationship. He said that the next BVS meeting is scheduled for July 22.

Veterans Services Foundation

Mr. Jack Hilgers gave the VSF report (see Attachment 5) on behalf of VSF Vice-Chairman Meade Spotts. He said that the next VSF board meeting is scheduled for August 6.

Virginia Military Advisory Council

Vice Chairman Moran stated that the Virginia Military Advisory Council (VMAC) last met on December 3, 2013, and because he had reported on the results of that meeting at the December 18, 2013 JLC meeting, he did not have a new report for the JLC. He said that the next VMAC meeting is scheduled for June 26.

Department of Veterans Services

Commissioner Paul Galanti announced that his wife, Mrs. Phyllis Galanti, passed away on April 23. Mrs. Galanti had become active with the other POW wives in 1969 and helped start the National League of Families and Friends of POWs and MIAs in Southeastern Asia. She kicked off an area wide campaign, "Write Hanoi: Let's Bring Paul Galanti Home," part of a nationwide project. In early 1973 she learned that her husband was on a list of living POWs. Commissioner Galanti was released on February 12, 1973.

Commissioner Galanti then announced that Mr. Roger Sullivan had passed away on May 4. He said that they had been friends for a number of years, and that Mr. Sullivan proudly served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War before he was critically wounded. Commissioner Galanti noted that after his discharge from the Army, Mr. Sullivan became a passionate advocate for veterans.

Commissioner Galanti delivered the DVS report (see Attachment 6). He announced that Ms. Brandi Jancaitis is the new Executive Director for the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program (VWWP) and had assumed her new role on May 12. He thanked DVS Deputy Commissioner Cathy Wilson for her leadership and commitment in building the VWWP into a highly successful operation.

Public Comment

Mr. Harold Barton asked about the Real Estate Tax Guidelines for veterans and localities. Mr. Combs stated that he has been working on these guidelines with Ms. Cindy Norwood and have about 90% of the document completed.

Chairman Kaiserman reminded everyone that the proposed constitutional amendment to allow localities to provide an exemption to the surviving spouses of service members who are killed in action will be up for a vote in November. He urged all members to support the referendum.

Closing Remarks

Chairman Kaiserman thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2014 at the American Legion Building.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Kaiserman adjourned the meeting at 1:02 p.m. A lunch was served after the meeting.

ATTACHMENT 1
Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations
American Legion Building
1708 Commonwealth Avenue, Richmond
May 21, 2014
10:00 a.m. – 12:55 p.m.

AGENDA

- I. Opening and Pledge of Allegiance – *Don Kaiserman, JLC Chairman* (10:00 – 10:05)
- II. Roll call of VSOs, quorum determination, approval of agenda and introduction of guests – *Don Kaiserman, JLC Chairman* (10:05 – 10:10)
- III. Approve March 19, 2014 meeting minutes – *Don Kaiserman, JLC Chairman* (10:10 – 10:15)
- IV. Opening remarks – *Don Kaiserman, JLC Chairman* (10:15 – 10:25)
- V. Presentations (10:25 – 11:00)
 - a. Virginia Solicitation of Contributions Law – *Office of Charitable and Regulatory Programs, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services* (15 minutes)
 - b. Department of Motor Vehicles Military/Veterans Programs and Services – *Christina Lipin, Military and Veterans Programs Manager, Department of Motor Vehicles* (10 minutes)
 - c. Virginia War Memorial Phase 2 – *Jon Hatfield, VWM Executive Director* (10 minutes)
- BREAK (11:00 – 11:10)
- VI. New business (11:10 – 12:15)
 - a. 2014 General Assembly session: JLC and BVS initiatives and other veteran/military legislation – *Brett Reistad, Legislative Officer* (20 minutes)
 - b. Review of previous-year JLC initiatives – *Brett Reistad, Legislative Officer* (15 minutes)
 - c. Review and discussion of potential 2015 JLC Initiatives – *Brett Reistad, Legislative Officer* (15 minutes)
 - d. Nominating Committee – *Carmen Gentile, Committee Chairman* (5 minutes)
 - e. Other new business and open discussion – *Don Kaiserman, JLC Chairman* (10 minutes)
- VII. Reports (12:15 – 12:40)
 - a. Board of Veterans Services – *Thad Jones, BVS Chairman* (5 minutes)
 - b. Veterans Services Foundation – *Rich Schollmann, VSF Chairman* (5 minutes)
 - c. Virginia Military Advisory Council – *Chip Moran, JLC Representative* (5 minutes)
 - d. Department of Veterans Services – *Paul Galanti, Commissioner* (10 minutes)
- VIII. Public comment period (12:40 – 12:50)
- IX. Closing remarks – *Don Kaiserman, JLC Chairman* (12:50 – 12:55)
- X. Adjourn (12:55)

Lunch will be served following the meeting

ATTACHMENT 2

JLC and BVS 2014 Initiatives: status as of May 20, 2014

JOINT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL OF VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS (JLC)

Yellow = difference between House budget and Senate budget

<i>Initiative</i>	<i>JLC Recommendation</i>	<i>Type (Budget or Legislation)</i>	<i>Governor McDonnell's introduced budget (12/16/13)</i>	<i>House (HB5002) – passed 3/25/14</i>	<i>Senate (SB5003) – passed 4/8/14</i>
JLC 2014-01	Support the hiring and retention of DVS claims agents by approving a budget amendment for an additional \$500,000 (GF) in FY15 and \$500,000 (GF) in FY16 over and above Governor's budget	Budget	\$86,460 (GF) and one FTE for new Benefits Field office in Fredericksburg, but no funding to support hiring/retention of existing positions	Same as introduced budget	Same as introduced budget
JLC 2014-02	Support the hiring and retention of veterans by Virginia businesses by continuing base funding for the Virginia Values Veterans (V3) Program at \$450,000 (GF) per fiscal year	Budget	\$450,000 (GF) base funding for V3 Program in FY15 and FY16	Introduced budget + additional \$100,000 (GF) each year	Same as introduced budget
JLC 2014-03	Support the delivery of mental health and rehabilitative services for Virginia veterans, Guardsmen, Reservists, and family members through the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program by approving a budget amendment for an additional \$500,000 (GF) in FY15 and \$500,000 (GF) in FY16 over and above Governor's budget	Budget	\$372,835 (GF) and \$378,300 (NGF) for VWWP in FY15 and similar amounts in FY16, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$264,218 (GF) for VWWP regions \$108,617 (GF) and \$278,300 (NGF) for AmeriCorps grant 	Same as introduced budget	Introduced budget + additional \$350,000 (GF) each year
JLC 2014-04	Increase opportunities for overseas uniformed military voters to participate in elections by enacting legislation to permit the electronic	Legislation	N/A	HB759: passed 98-1 SB11: passed 97-1	HB759: passed 40-0 SB11: passed 40-0

	return of absentee ballots			Both bills approved by Governor	Both bills approved by Governor
JLC 2014-05	Support DVS services for homeless veterans by approving a budget amendment for \$450,000 (GF) in FY15 and \$970,000 (GF) in FY16	Budget	Not funded	Not funded	Not funded
JLC 2014-06	Ensure the needs of Virginia veterans are being met by approving a budget amendment for an additional \$190,000 (GF) in FY15 to update the 2010 Virginia Tech report “ <i>Assessing the Experiences, Supportive Service Needs and Service Gaps of Veterans in the Commonwealth of Virginia</i> ”	Budget	Not funded	Not funded	Not funded
JLC 2014-07	Provide a real property tax exemption for spouses of military service members killed in action by passing a resolution identical to the resolution (HJ551) passed by the 2013 General Assembly and by enacting legislation to place a referendum on the ballot for the November 4, 2014 general election	Legislation	N/A	HJ8: passed 96-0 HB46: passed 93-0 HB46 approved by Governor (note: HJ8 does not require approval)	HJ8: passed 38-0 HB46: passed 40-0 HB46 approved by Governor (note: HJ8 does not require approval)

BOARD OF VETERANS SERVICES (BVS)

<i>Initiative</i>	<i>BVS Recommendation</i>	<i>Type (Budget or Legislation)</i>	<i>Governor McDonnell's introduced budget (12/16/13)</i>	<i>House (HB5002) – passed 3/25/14</i>	<i>Senate (SB5003) – passed 4/8/14</i>
BVS 2014-01	Support the hiring and retention of DVS claims agents by approving a budget amendment for an additional \$500,000 (GF) in FY15 and \$500,000 (GF) in FY16 over and above Governor's budget	Budget	\$86,460 (GF) and one FTE for new Benefits Field office in Fredericksburg, but no funding to support hiring/retention of existing positions	Same as introduced budget	Same as introduced budget
BVS 2014-02	Authorize two additional positions for state veterans cemeteries	Budget	Includes two additional positions	Same as introduced budget	Same as introduced budget
BVS 2014-03	Enact legislation effecting a very limited change to the Code of Virginia in regards to the residency requirements of the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program	Legislation	N/A	HB576: passed 99-0 SB481: passed 99-0 Both bills approved by Governor	HB576: passed 40-0 SB481: passed 40-0 Both bills approved by Governor

ATTACHMENT 3

MOAA 2015 EO 29 Recommendations for 2015 General Assembly For May 21, 2014 JLC Meeting

#	Recommendation
A.	That the Governor and General Assembly support competitive compensation authority and funding for DVS claims agents. History: JLC 2014-01.
B.	That the Governor and General Assembly continue and increase funding for the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program as a priority in the development and approval of the 2016 budget amendments. History: JLC 2014-03.
C.	That the Governor and the General Assembly approve funding in the 2016 budget amendments to move the Homeless Veterans Program forward. History: JLC 2014-05.
D.	That the Governor and General Assembly provide one-time funding in the FY2016 budget amendment to commission an update to the 2010 Virginia Tech report “ <i>Assessing the Experiences, Supportive Service Needs and Service Gaps of Veterans in the Commonwealth of Virginia</i> ” to measure progress in access to health care, behavioral healthcare and supportive community services, including employment, housing and financial assistance, for veterans, members of the National Guard and Reserves not in active federal service and their families in the Commonwealth. History: JLC 2014-06.

#: MOAA suggested priority.

ATTACHMENT 4

BOARD OF VETERANS SERVICES REPORT TO THE JOINT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL (JLC) OF VETERANS SERVICES ORGANIZATIONS May 21, 2014

The Board of Veterans Services (BVS) met on May 13. At the meeting, the Board:

- Had a presentation on the Virginia Values Veterans (V3) Program;
- Reviewed the status of the BVS and JLC initiatives for the 2014 General Assembly session;
- Received reports from the JLC, Veterans Services Foundation, and Department of Veterans Services (DVS);
- Approved updated BVS committee assignments;
- Appointed a nominating committee. Elections for BVS Chair and Vice Chair will be held at the July 22 meeting;
- Received detailed reports from the Board's committees.

The Board is organized into three standing committees – *Benefits, Care Centers, and Cemeteries*. Each of the Board's citizen members is assigned to a committee, with legislative and *ex officio* members participating as required. Through committee meetings, visits to DVS facilities, and contact with DVS staff, committee members monitor the delivery of service to Virginia's veterans and recommend necessary administrative, budget, or policy changes.

The Board sincerely appreciates the service of JLC Vice Chairman Chip Moran on the Benefits and Care Centers Committees. We also greatly appreciate Mr. George Corbett serving as the JLC representative on the Cemeteries Committee. These two gentlemen have made significant contributions to the Board and are stellar representatives of the JLC.

The next BVS meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 22. The BVS looks forward to continuing its outstanding partnership with the JLC in service to Virginia's veterans.

Respectfully submitted,

Thad A. Jones
Chairman

ATTACHMENT 5

VETERANS SERVICES FOUNDATION REPORT TO Joint Leadership Council (JLC) of Veterans Service Organizations May 21, 2014

The Veterans Services Foundation (VSF) Board of Trustees has held two meetings since the last Joint Leadership Council (JLC) meeting. Meetings were held on March 26, 2014 and on May 7, 2014 with a quorum present and the Development and Finance Committees met before each Board meeting. The following events occurred and actions taken at the meetings, in addition to the usual reports and updates on the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program (VWWP) and the Virginia Values Veterans (V3) Program:

- (1) Reviewed Foundation income, expenses, and fundraising events conducted during FY14 were covered;
- (2) Approved the 2nd and 3rd Quarter FY14 VSF Financial Reports;
- (3) Approved FY14 Budget adjustments for VWWP and the Virginia Veterans Care Center;
- (4) Approved VSF-DVS FY15 Budget;
- (5) Approved appointing new member Pat Webb to the Development Committee;
- (6) Adopted a FY15 VSF Milestone Plan (Attached); and
- (7) Appointed a Nominating Committee and elected officers for FY15.

As of May 15, 2014, the Foundation has received donations during FY14 of over \$346,000, of which over \$282,000 is for VWWP. Additionally, there still are a host of future events scheduled for FY14 and FY15. As always, the Foundation extends its sincere congratulations to the outstanding outreach of all DVS activities to realize this significant fundraising level. It could not have been accomplished without the dedication of all DVS personnel.

The Board of Trustees elected the following officers for FY15:

Chair, Richard Schollmann

1st Vice Chair, Jim Boyd

2nd Vice Chair, Meade Spotts

In keeping with the VSF Board Bylaws, their terms will be effective July 1, 2014.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for August 6, 2014 at the Virginia War Memorial. Items for the next meeting may include: (1) approval of the Final Quarter FY14 Financial Statement; (2) approval of the review and updates of VSF-DVS Joint Policies #1, 2, 3 and 4; (3) refine a new draft policy on charitable bequests/planned giving; (4) review VSF FY14 fundraising program and projections for FY15; (5) appointment of committee chairs for FY15.

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Schollmann
VSF Chairman

Attachments: (1) VSF FY15 Milestone Plan

VSF Milestones FY15*

July 1, 2014

Board Officers assume duties

August 6 meeting**

Review FY14 Goals and Objectives/Matrices

Consider Goals and Objectives for FY15

Approve 4th Quarter FY14 Financial Statement

Approve review of VSF-DVS Policies

Board Chair appoints Committee Chairs/Vice Chairs

Approval of Committee Chair/Vice Chair appointments

Approve tentative dates and locations (if available for FY15)

November 5 meeting**

Approve 1st Quarter FY15 Financial Statement

Approve budget adjustments, if any

Approve review of VSF-DVS Policies

Approve Bylaws and MOU changes, if any

March 11, 2015

Request Budget input for FY16 due April 15

March 25 meeting

Approve 2nd Quarter FY15 Financial Statement

Approve budget adjustments, if any

Approve review of VSF-DVS Policies

Confirm dates and locations of 2015 Board meetings

Elect a nominating committee

April 6

Nominating Committee put out call for candidates for officers' positions

May 6 meeting***

Approve 3rd Quarter FY15 Financial Statement

Approve budget adjustments, if any

Approve FY16 budget

Elect officers for FY16

*At all meetings, as appropriate, receive VWWP, V3, and other DVS activity updates.

**In odd numbered years review all VSF-DVS Policies, Bylaws, and MOU

***In Odd numbered years, receive report on APA audit, if available

ATTACHMENT 6

Memorandum for: Chairman Donald Kaiserman
Members, Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations

From: Paul E. Galanti, Commissioner

Date: May 21, 2014

Subject: Department of Veterans Services report

Some of the recent items of note for the Department of Veterans Services (DVS):

- Virginia Wounded Warrior Program (VWWP):
 - Brandi Jancaitis was selected as the new Executive Director of the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program and assumed her new post on May 12. She previously served as the Director, Housing Development for Veterans, Virginia Wounded Warrior Program and has a wealth of experience in human services and the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program.
 - The VWWP was successful in its grant pursuit to expand the Virginia Veterans Corps (VVC) AmeriCorps program. The VVC has provided robust support for the past three years in the Hampton Roads area and this new grant will extend VVC support to South Boston, Petersburg and the Richmond areas;
 - The resources of the VWWP and DVS will be dedicated to ensuring long term stability of the program and replication in other regions of the Commonwealth;
 - Through this grant the VVC will have 28 half-time AmeriCorps members who will continue to serve military service members, veterans and their families, assisting with access to healthcare, behavioral health care, social services, housing, employment or other individual and family services;
 - The grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) is for \$186,200 with a \$72,411 match from VWWP/VSF funds;
- Virginia Values Veterans (V3) Program – program statistics as of May 19:
 - New Certified Companies Jobs Pledged
 - Virginia Beach Police Dept. 6
 - Virginia Eagle 20
 - Premiere Technical Services 5
 - Maximus 2
 - M & R Contractors 2
 - Statistics
 - 195 Certified Companies
 - 5,750 Jobs Pledged
 - 3,393 Actual Hires Reported

- Veterans care centers:
 - Construction continues on the 40-bed addition to the Sitter & Barfoot Veterans Care Center. Completion is expected in late 2014 with the first new residents expected to be admitted in early 2015;
 - The Virginia Veterans Care Center will receive \$974,249 in federal grant funding to replace the emergency generator and patient security system.
- Veterans cemeteries:
 - A project is underway to replace the heating and cooling systems in the chapel, office building, comfort station, and grounds maintenance building at the Amelia cemetery;
 - The master plans for the Amelia and Suffolk cemeteries are nearing completion.
- Audits: the Auditor of Public Accounts (APA) audit of the *Veterans Services Foundation and Veterans State Nursing Home Care Grant at Department of Veterans Services – for the year ended June 30, 2013* found:
 - Proper recording and reporting of all transactions, in all material respects, in the Commonwealth Accounting and Reporting System;
 - No matters involving internal control and its operation necessary to bring to management's attention; and
 - No instances of noncompliance with applicable laws and regulations or other matters that are required to be reported.

Thank you for your stellar support of the Department of Veterans Services and our programs and services. We look forward to our continued partnership.